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80 Miles From Exit 69 & 179 Flatwoods To Snowshoe & Silver Creek

By Sheriff Given

Coming North on 179, from Virginia, North & South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, & Georgia; coming South from Clarksburg & Parkersburg, Ohio, or Michigan, watch for Exit 67. You stop at John Skidmore's truck stop, pick up a Sheriff Given ski paper on Snowshoe and Silver Creek, follow the directions reading the paper about Big Spring, Snowshoe and Silver Creek, and in one hour and 40 minutes you are in a condominium or motel room at Snowshoe or Silver Creek, the island in the sky. Snowshoe and Silver Creek are the southeast's most attractive ski resort combination in the U.S.

This 80 miles of mountain highway has beautiful scenic views, historical churches, and excellent W.Va. people willing to listen to your story, to tell you theirs. You will find very few, if any, Daisy Mays, and Lil' Abners don't exist. W.Va. people are excellent friendly people. Flatwoods has a fast growing shopping center with Bill Square's bowling alley and convention center, Lloyd's Restaurant and Food Store, a car wash, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, excellent using the upper echelons of Pennzoil filling station, Ryder's Sutton Dam. You are now app-

roaching Holly Junction, headwaters of the Cleve Bailey Sutton Dam, where both forks of Holly come together. Sixty years ago, a truck rental, a drive-thru beverage store, plenty of motel rooms W.Va. Midland narrow gauge especially the Laurel Court chalets, the camper motel on the Webster Springs made connections with B & O passenger and down town Sutton restaurants, Home Hotel and business burg-

district; Sutton's beautiful Baptist Church and on down for your entertainment is the Sutton Mills, Holly Hole campsite, Moose Club. Also Pete's bait Thompson, a coal stripper and ranch and pool room, home of builder of Harrison County's Braxton County's timbering in-super Bridgeport Mall, is a industry, and you don't overlook former Cowen Bulldog football Gary Cogar's Supper Club with player and Simon Hill native who live band on Friday and Saturday hitchhiked, walked, rode bicycle nights, and a real down to earth and thumbed 5 miles daily after country auction every Saturday football practice. When you stop at Bruffy's Store for gas and oil,

Stay on Route 15, 26 miles to you turn the corner and you are on State Route 15 & 20, and the road to Snowshoe or Silver Webster Springs. You pass Holly Webster Springs-Buckhannon Creek, the island in the sky. Gray Park, Braxton County's 4-H turnpike, and Cool's country Club grounds, the airport, and store and the Diana Post Office, home of Sutton Lions Club and opposite Basil Cutlip's home-Braxton County's yearly home-town city park. You are now 26 coming. Next you pass the miles on your way to Snowshoe

United Methodist Church, a and Silver Creek, and 9 miles out beautiful well kept cemetery and of Webster Springs, often called an oak grove, a great setting for a puzzle hole because of Webster country church. Up state Route Springs's three big mountains: Miller, McGuire and Point Mt. You have to go down hill to get into Webster Springs and up hill to get out. You are now only 45 miles from the top of Cheat Mt. and Snowshoe and Silver Creek. In normal weather, it takes 1 hour, in winter weather it could

take 2 hours. Webster County, Webster Springs is the county seat, 559 square miles, population about 10,000, city population 939; Mayor Cassandra Given; a small town with down to earth people. As you enter the city and cross the Back Fork of Elk bridge, on the left is Pat Skidmore's service station. Across the street, the W.Va. Liquor Store and Chevrolet Garage. At the stop light is Myrl's Restaurant. Turn right on Route 20, South is Hamrick's Restaurant and Service Station. You turn around, come back to the stop light, take State Route 15 and you are on your way to Valley Head. You pass the old Webster Springs Hotel, now open with restaurant, under new management. Pass the Webster County

National Bank. Turn right at the 1,046.34, Elkins, home of Guy Sears Roebuck Store, and you see an excellent motel with courteous service, well furnished rooms with reasonable prices, the Mineral Springs Motel. On the left is City Hall, a wealth of information including a full list of high school graduate pictures of all classes of Webster Springs High School before consolidation. You pass Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, circle the city block, continue back to Sears Roebuck and stop, enter the Courthouse lawn, help yourself to natural Salt Sulphur water, which some people says tastes like rotten eggs. You continue on

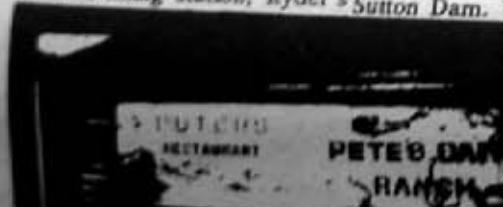
passing the Go Mart, Charley Skidmore's service station, Foodland and Jimmy's Exxon, Cool Motors, your Dodge, Plymouth dealer. You pass the entrance to Parcoal and Barton or Curtin headquarters for Pardee & Curtin Lumber Co., a well known lumber and coal town.

You stop at the country store and post office at Monterville, gateway to Pickens and Helvetia, where Dr. Cunningham treated a lost cause for leprosy and the famed 100 railroad engineer Paul G. Thayer made his first passenger run as a railroad engineer on the B & O 1212 from Pickens to Buckhannon. Monterville is the home of The Fun Place, a new ski facility for Webster and Randolph counties in W.Va.

Randolph County, W.Va., population 28,734; square miles 1,046.34, Elkins, home of Guy Kemp, W.Va.'s outstanding governor in 1935; and Wally Barron, 1960. Elkins has gained national recognition for its yearly State Forest Festival. You come to Valley Head, turn South on 219 and 55, the Scenic Highway. You cross the famous Cheat Mt., 11 miles to a sign pointing to Snowshoe. You stop at Big Spring Restaurant and Store. You are now at the Gateway to Snowshoe, Silver Creek, and the Cass Scenic Railroad. You pass the elaborate Snowshoe Inn, turn left and at the foot of Cheat Mt., and 10 minutes from the ski slopes of Snowshoe and Silver Creek.

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Big Spring, Pocahontas Co.
By Sheriff Givens

After 45 years, I have the courage and nerve to go back in history to June 30, 1944, about 24 days after the invasion from Liverpool, England to Cheerbburg, France. Invading Hitler's souped-up German Army, by allied troops, and a great dream on the coast of Cheerbburg, France. Along the snake infested rock fence, grapevines, wild flowers, you could see the work done by some French farmer who had gathered rock from his fields, built fence, raised grape vineyards, planted chestnut trees, wild cherry, and tried to grow W.Va. native oak and maple, never realizing it would be used by British and American, and allied forces, to stop Hitler from taking over the world. A man who believed the Jewish were evil, and trying to control the businesses of Germany, that they would control W.Va. and Shenandoah County, the finances of the world. Mr. Harrisonburg, Virginia. It is real Hitler, through his elite SS troops, gathered them up by the on State Route 33 at the W.Va.-Virginia state line. Joe Egzi and I by troop train to East Germany, to his gas chambers and furnaces for extinction. He also had male and females for a new population to be known as the superior race, and gave big bonuses to those cooperating in an increasing population, known as the German Superior Race.

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Holland, the southern part of Germany and finally from one end of the Red Ball Express to the other, all the way from the tip end of southern France, through Holland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, and all the way to Berlin, where they joined with the Russian Red Army.

George Rockefeller, in my dream, was a down to earth Democrat, who never was a Republican, and he never belonged to the Peace Corps. He always worked for Winston Churchill, the great distinguished British leader who always ordered his strategies from Wheeling Tobacco Co. in W.Va. George was skinny, 6'6", and although he resembled Jay, he was much better looking. "Joe Egzi" my top Sergeant and companion, was taken by surprise meeting face to face, with such a dignitary. On a French farm, 24 days after the invasion out of Liverpool, England to Cheerbburg, France, amid rocks, poison ivy and scrubby oak like the oak in Pendleton County, W.Va. and Shenandoah County, Harrisonburg, Virginia. It is real Hitler, through his elite SS scrubby on top of the mountain troops, gathered them up by the on State Route 33 at the W.Va.-Virginia state line. Joe Egzi and I were digging a fox hole, and were using great pains to make it our home for the next 10 days. We laid it out like you would a grave, 24 inches wide and 12 feet long, and 6 foot deep. We were shaving the site with an old double bit axe. We had a perfect fox hole. We were down about 30

inches and about 6 foot long, and George Rockefeller jumped in to help us. Somehow Rockefeller could never hit the bottom with the mattock, and he had practically ruined our fox hole by hitting the sides. Joe Egzi said to Rockefeller, "We are digging a fox hole, Mr. Rockefeller, not an elephant hole." He needed a rest

money the old man Rockefeller on his head stuck up about 34 inches, about like a ground hog

he bought 2,000 acres of mineral land way back in 1890, in Sinking County, New York."

Joe Egzi was upset because he was drafted while his brother and uncle stayed home in New York and black marketed every- thing — gas coupons, shoe coupons, meat and sugar coupons, and killing wild turkeys, deer and bears, and sold them to fancy restaurants in New York. So them rich Rockefeller and Mellons and those rich little bids could have an elaborate meal, and don't shoot any wild ani- mals; we are short on food. The wild boar hunt, especially Big J-U 88 fighter plane was directly over the fox hole, circled and was headed in the direction of our fox hole and Joe's hollered "We are Flour, Wild Boar Hog Festival to

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European War Picardie, France, allied troops. He visited "Joe Egzi" and "Sheriff Given" about half mile from Cheerburg, France, as we were preparing to put down some wire mat runway for P-51 fighter planes, and P-38 photo reconnaissance planes. The P-51s were fighter escort planes for the box (18 to box) fling out of England and was the 386th 9th Air Force Group composed of the 552, 553, 554 and 555 bomb squadrons. The P-51 fighters joined the B-17, B-25 and B-26 boxes in flight to bomb Coblenz, Nuremberg, Berlin, all the bridges on the Rhine River, and all long span railraod bridges, tunnels, setting the towns on fire with extra 100 lb. jelly fire bombs. The P-38 high speed, high altitude photo reconnaissance plane from 10-15 feet altitude looked like quick bolts of lightning, and used daily to take pictures of Hitler's infantry, or front line troops, and delivered the same night to blood and guts and all of the allied front line trench troops as they advanced through Lemans, Lural, St. Lo, George Rockefeller said the Germans had him pinned down for two days with nothing to eat and he was hungry. Joe Egzi said "That's not George Rockefeller, that's Jay from the United States and he's working for Franklin Roosevelt. He doesn't even know who Winston Churchill of England is. He's some kind of a nut or spy." "Joe Egzi", those Rockefellers are all rich dudes from the Bronx of your state, New York. I read in the paper this Jay Rockefeller is down in W.Va. with someone who married John Kennedy's sister, head of the Peace Corps, helping the poor people in the southern coal fields. That Jay, not George, has changed his politics from Republican to Democrat, and is going to run for governor of W.Va. following in the footsteps of his Uncle Nelson who is governor of Arkansas and home to the razorback wild boar hogs." "Now Sheriff I think George is telling the truth I'll run a test on him, if he is not faking, he will have plenty of money. I want some of that

standing at attention till the soup got cold. The last time I remember saluting the flag was in Liverpool, England. We don't salute the flag anymore and we don't have much to eat, concentrated vegetable beef hash, 3 cans daily, about the size of a Campbell's tomato soup, about once a month you get three cracker boxes with a concentrated chocolate bar, with three Joe Eggi said to George and Eggi asks me if I have one of

Joe Egli said to George and Egli, "I have one of those little white rocks that we gathered at the white cliffs of Dover. He wants to sell it to Rockefeller.

sell you one can of vegetable beef hash for \$8.00." Old George jerks out about 50 one pound British notes and peels off 2 pound, British notes (\$4.00 per pound in 1944). George had on some kind of British jump suit and no metal helmet which served two purposes; it was supposed to rick-o-shay bullets and was used as a pot to heat your vegetable beef hash.

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Joe Egzi, who has been trying for two years to get discharged, honorable, dishonorable, or section 8. Mr. Egzi had cheated some GI out of two German Lugger pistols, an excellent German hand gun. I had traded him a German watch for one of them and we both had German Luggers strapped on our side and the M-1 Rifle GI issue was on the snake infested rock pile, beside our partly-dug fox hole. We are going to sell the Luggers to New York thugs when we get discharged at Camp Kilmer, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

morrow, with some hoosier hotshot from the United States by the name of Dan Quayle, and besides that he has to be in Arkansas for his Uncle Nelson's dedication. They are unveiling four statues in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. One of Uncle Nelson, two colored guys named "Lum and Abner" and some national hunting hero from Bergoo, W.Va. This guy Hamrick comes from Webster County, W.Va. that doesn't have a colored man in the county. And this guy Hamrick believes in "Lum and Abner" and segregation. Anyhow Rimfire Hamrick's statue in the

George Rockefeller looks up and says "Here comes a P-51 fighter." Joe Egzi, it's a J-U 88 and hits the fox hole in all that mud and dirt and I land in the fox hole right on Joe's back. There wasn't any room for poor George Rockefeller. He got in the end of the fox hole on his knees. He had no hat on and long bushy hair State Capitol lawn in Charleston came up missing during Jay Rockefeller's administration. Nobody can tell anything about Rimfire. John Glenn, Ohio's great senator and Neil Armstrong spent millions placing a flag in space, and poor old Rimfire took 10 tractor loads of



The Big Spring Presbyterian Church

By Sheriff Given

On Sunday morning Oct. 8, 1989, I was out of bed at 6:30 a.m. and on my way from Webster Springs across lovely Point Mountain passing the Hamrick, Gregory, Riddleman reunion grounds observing nature as it changes from summer to fall, the lovely colors of the leaves presented an awesome look as we pass through the last of the 20th century. I stopped at Tomblin's Restaurant and Motel, 6 miles out of Valley Head on 119 and Scenic Route 55, just across the Pocahontas County line and only a stone's throw from Mingo Flats, and the great dreamer and much honored statue of Robert E. Lee, the great traveler, and fighter, and conqueror of Mingo Chief, John Logan. Their statues are only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile apart. After breakfast, driving another two miles, passing the Big Spring Country Store, Restaurant and Ski Barn, arriving in the country church yard of the Big Spring Presbyterian Church to be greeted by 22 local community leaders.

Mr. Kite, the young pastor, opened the service with a

the keys with gifted fingers as the 21 guests joined with altos, bass, tenors. Everybody was all smiles as the sounds disappeared upward in the 35-foot ceiling of #1 3-inch spruce ceiling from Mower Lumber Co. of Cass, W.Va. The church had 4 foot of fir wainscoating, about 20 feet of wood lathe covered with plaster, a sloped ceiling of #1 3-inch spruce on the rafter slope, of 12' on 12' slope, a 16' x 16' flue of brick was in the center of the church; with a coal stove on one side, and a fuel oil stove on the other side, both unconnected and the church heated today with fuel oil furnace.

The church built in the winter and spring of 1909 and 1910, by a Mr. Cool for \$370 and paid for \$50 monthly, was dedicated 1911, the first pastor was a Mr. Gibbs. Mr. Robert Hudson from Union of Monroe County, was the lay speaker for the dedication. Much could be said about this dedication. Everybody for miles around was in attendance. It was like the big log rollings of the early 1900s, a big picnic, a square dance, a little drinking, and usually a fight, and sometimes a little shooting. This dedication was no different than modern day dedications of the early 1900s. If you can find someone who attended this dedication, they could tell you an interesting story.

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I am seated by Boyd Vandevender, a long time native, across the aisle is Big Springs outstanding farmer, Mr. Kyle Hannah, who is the pillar of the Big Spring Presbyterian Church, a local cattle owner and farmer, who puts up hay till the frost comes, and the sun's heating rays vanish.

The preacher's pulpit, directly in front of a built-in observation vestibule, with 3 English style chairs, purchased years ago from an abandoned church in Tucker County, close to St. George and the old CCC camps. They have very ordinary pulpits, and an old fashioned piano with excellent sound. Mrs. Hazel Vandevender touched

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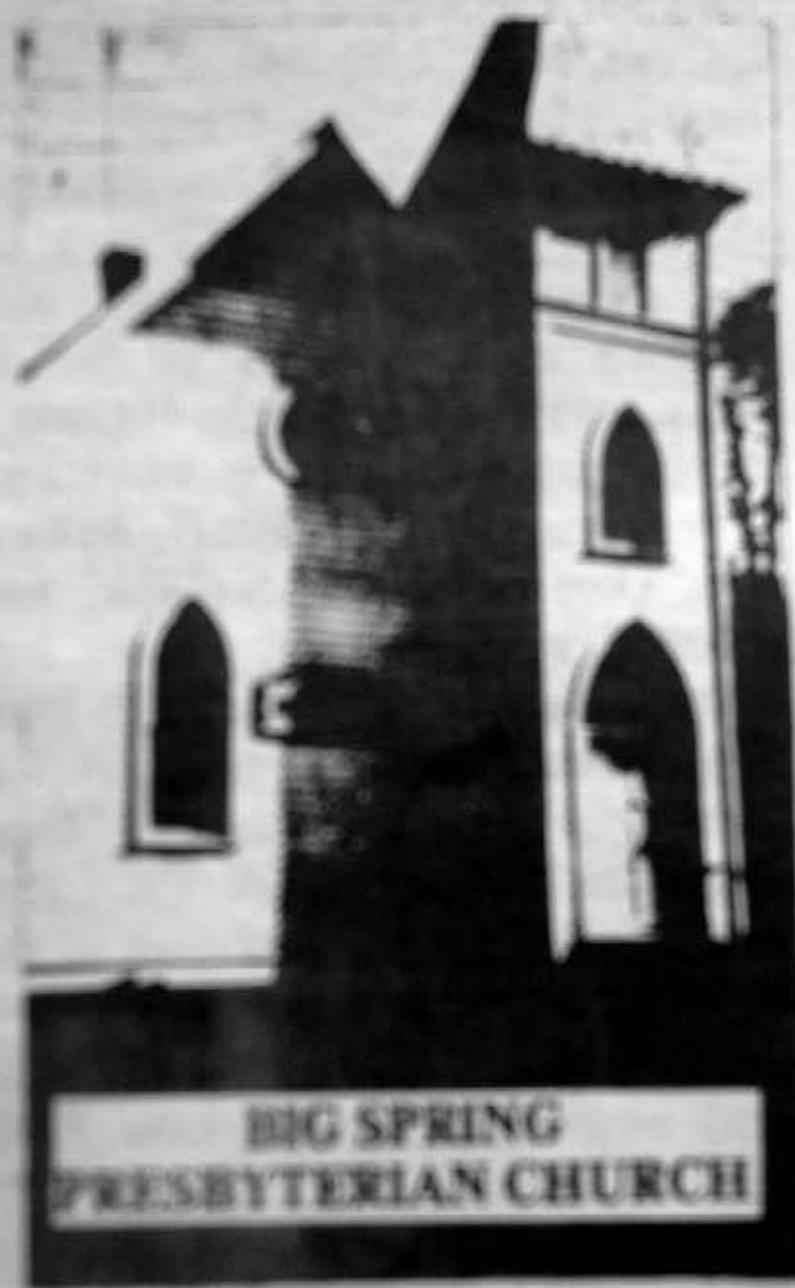
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on the slopes and adds a northern atmosphere to the resort, complete with snow drifts reaching the second story windows. In 1942, 3 miles from Snowshoe in the Old Spruce Railroad Yards, "Pop Good" with the big Shay #12, Mower Lumber engine, pushed snow and the fireman had to shovel it out the window of Shay #12. It has always been cold and lots of snow on Cheat Mt.

Snowshoe has 29 separate slopes and trails that descend both sides of the mountain. Snowshoe follows the "ski trail" philosophy with more and narrower runs. On the Northeast side of Cheat Mt., the Basin Slopes spread horizontally under the ridge-top road and adjacent lodging and resort facilities. The gradual skidder slope and lift is beginner terrain that traverses the ridge top in front of the main lodge. Other slopes drop down the 650-foot vertical descent, all bearing names connected with logging operations when they cut the virgin spruce in the late 1800 and 1900s.

Advanced skiers will like Upper Ball Hooter, a steep advanced slope under the lift of the same name. Widowmaker and Grab Hammer are other exciting runs for the expert. Skills Guards Dancer, J. Hook and

Snowshoe is a quiet place for a summer vacation. Its high elevation makes it cool the year round. It is next door to the Cass Scenic Railroad, the nation's best steam railroad attraction. It will become W.Va.'s best summer time convention center. The VFW of West Virginia held their Fall Conference there this year.

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sound proofed, color TV, refrigerator, phone and fireplace in each unit. They offer many seasonal prices, with variation sale packages depending on time of the ski season.

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Spruce Glades are slopes with interesting variety. Powder Monkey, Whiffle Tree, Whistle Punk, Flame and Hootenanny give beginners miles of cruising all over Cheat Mt.

Snowshoe's best restaurant, the Red Fox is slope-side in Whistle Punk's Slaymaker's Square and serves continental cuisine. Its extreme game dishes include wild boar and possibly Cheat Mt. venison; braised duckling with raspberry sauce. The arched, antique overstuffed chairs and antique decorated dining room adds to the Cheat Mt. atmosphere. Upstairs is the drinking paddler's pub.

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Snowshoe's skidder slope isn't the best teaching slope in the region, but the resort attracts beginners for its fine school, courteous service and long slopes.

Because of its size, climate, offerings, or accommodations, Snowshoe may be the best resort in the region for skiers wanting to take a mid-week or week-long ski vacation. Discounted mid-week rates are available and substantial savings can be had early and late in the season.

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place for the northern exposure means its high that Silver Creek keeps the maximum amount of natural snow, the Cass with an annual average 180 on's best inches. Silver Creek's north-facing slopes drop 750 feet to a summer high crest. All ten existing slopes

are wide, drop directly down the fall line, or steepest part of the slope and are designed to follow the most interesting terrain available. In many places, skiers can exit a slope and enjoy the deep powder in the birch and different species of spruce or the pine family that line the trails. The longest run at Silver Creek is a favorite among skiers, and lessons are offered through Elk River Ski Touring Center.

Good beginner reflects Silver Creek's family emphasis. The resort provides babysitting, special ski instruction for children under four, and a special two hour afternoon ski school for children four to twelve. Adults have full instructions of group, private and guided ski lessons as well as daily races, and Silver Creek has

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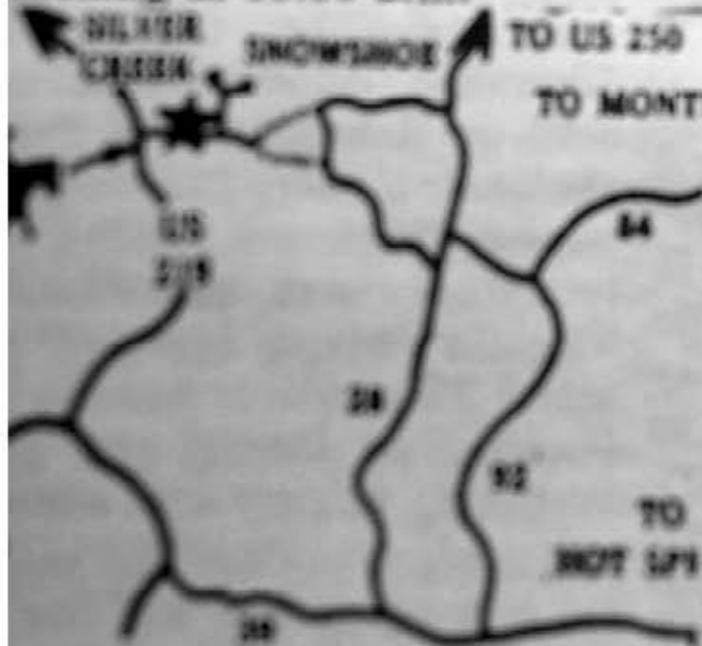


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A Sheriff Given Production

As I travel from Webster Springs to Big Spring Gateway to Snowshoe, Silver Creek, and Cass Scenic Railroad, it is a drive through nature's best, the fauna and flora is in abundance. I have observed the heavy foliage, the fall colors, day by day, in their ever-changing color scheme from green, to yellow, gold, purple, brown and red. The 1989 foliage color scheme has to be W.Va.'s greatest in the history of the 20th century.

As you travel from Webster Springs to Snowshoe, and W.Va.'s established ski area, you must stop at Mingo in Randolph County, home of the yearly Wool Festival held in May each year, cross the bridge to Mingo's established country store and post office, established by W.E. Wood, honored citizen and community leader (built with help of citizens), the Chief Logan Indian Statue located just above

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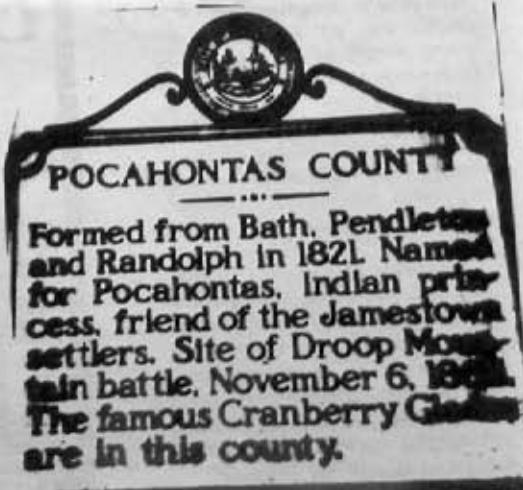
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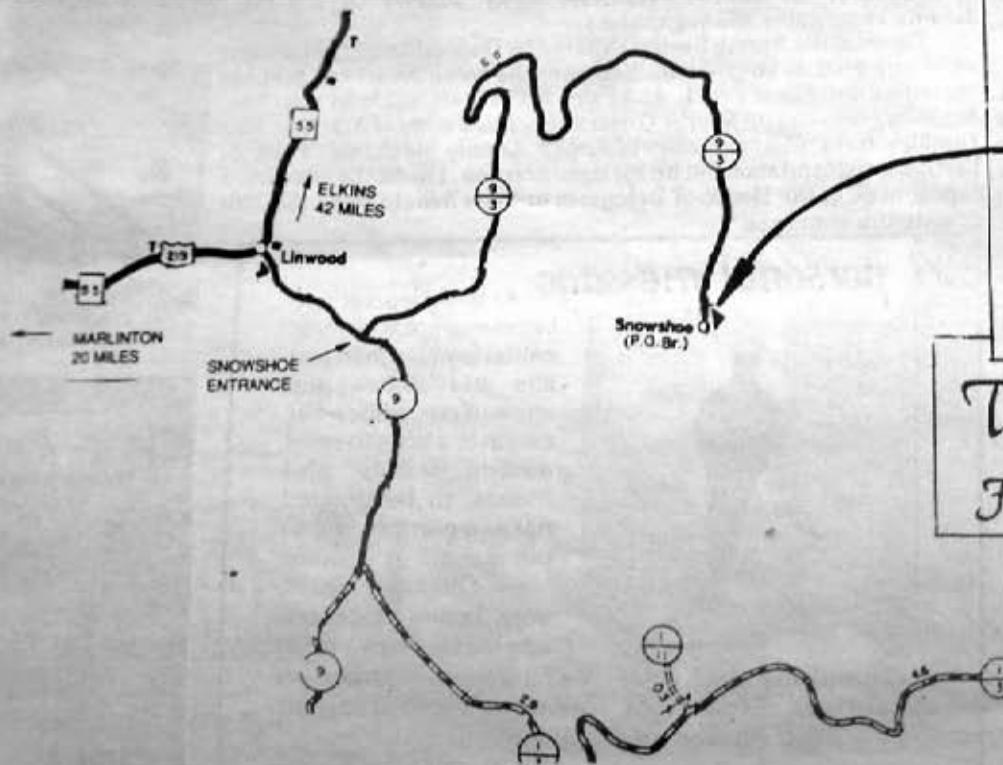
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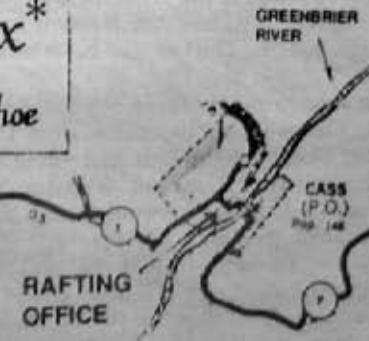
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Handicapped Skiers — Can Do

By David L. Buck, Sr.

Have you ever complained when you got out of bed, because you slept on a too soft mattress? Or have you complained about a sore back when the boss asked you to move something on the job? This list could go on forever but instead let's look at your life from the standpoint of your having a permanent disability, blindness, amputees, paralysis, or any one of a multitude of other problems that face millions of people around the world every day. Now add another twist, your friends call you and say "Let's go skiing."

For many Americans, the mere idea of sliding down a steep mountainous incline in the freezing cold with two waxed boards strapped to their feet is sheer insanity. Imagine the picture of a ski outing painted in the mind of someone with a handicap.

To the person with a handicap, the snow or the thought of skiing presents no more of a challenge than everyday life. With the proper equipment and lessons, they can ski as well as anyone without a handicap. Ski resorts around the country offer the handicapped skier the same slopes as the non-handicapped. They also offer ski lessons from qualified instructors.

Skiing has become a method, somewhat out of the ordinary; of rehabilitation. It helps to build self-confidence, strengthen muscles, all in a fun atmosphere. There are several differences to the equipment used by the handicapped and non-handicapped skier. One example is the sit ski. At first glance, the sit ski looks like a rectangular bowl with a roll bar on the back. A closer look reveals them to be a one person toboggan that comes with short skis used for speed and maneuvering.

Another is the out-rigger. These are used by skiers who have only one leg, those unable to ski on both, or those who need more stability. The out-riggers are normal forearm crutches with skis connected to the bottom by some sort of a rocker device. Some types have the ability to raise the ski vertically to allow the crutch to be used indoors or in lift lines (flip-ski).

One of the newest devices on the market, which was introduced from Germany about five years ago, is the mono-ski. This device allows double above knee amputees or hip articulates to put a



A MONO SKIER waits her turn to take to the slopes.



GARY MORRISON, Director of Handicapped Skiing at Silver Creek, on the course during the Chop Stick Challenger race.

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Area ski resorts, Silver Creek, Snowshoe and Canaan Valley offer the handicapped skier a complete program. Gary Morrison, last year's handicapped ski director, was a highly accomplished skier in his own right. This year, the program will be under the direction of Bruce Giddings. Bruce, who has been skiing since he was three, has raced extensively and is one of Silver Creek's pace-setters for NASTAR races.

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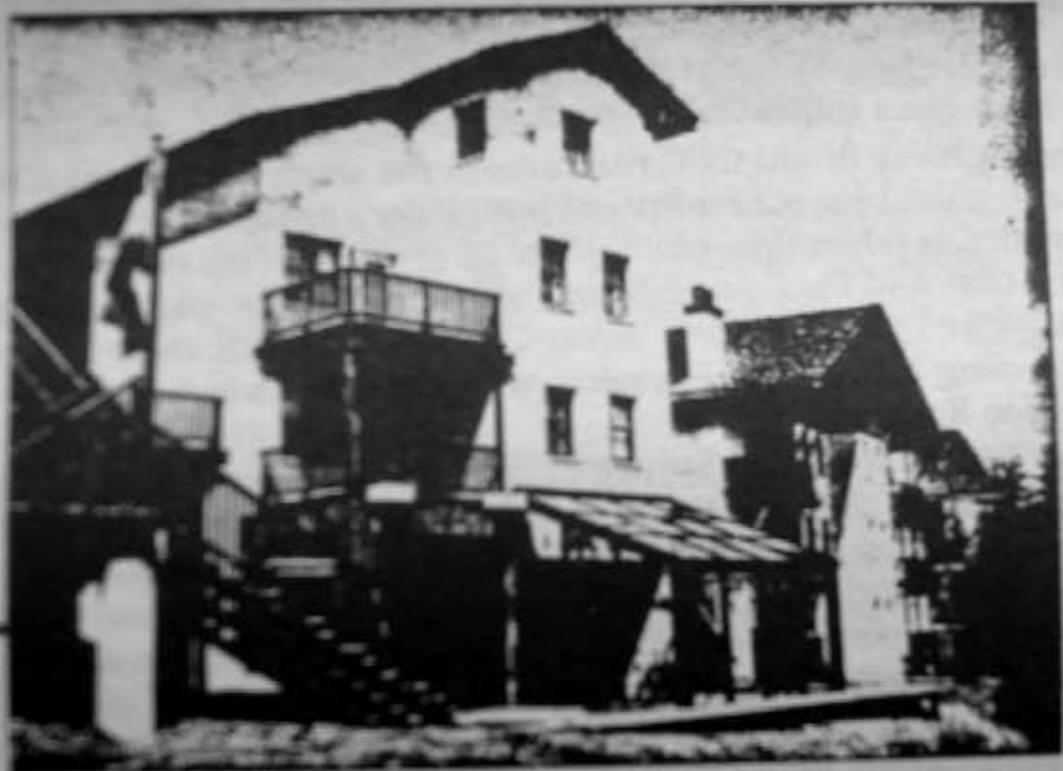
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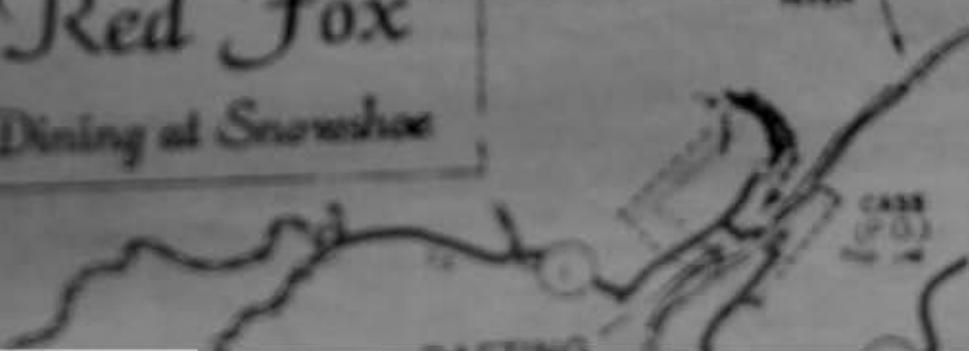
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The highway or old CCC road across the short cut, across Cheat Mountain, must become reality. Although the appropriation has been made reality, is when they build the road and put down the black top. We need the road for people from Durbin, Arbovale and Virginia to get to work at Snowshoe, and Silver Creek, also it is a short cut from people coming off of 77 at Frametown in Braxton County, to ride the Cass Scenic Railroad.

The railroad from Old Spruce to New Spruce must be completed. It has been on the drawing board for 12-15 years. As a member of the House of Delegates some 15 years ago, I put a resolution through the legislature to build this 1 mile of railroad. Time ran out on the resolution while lawyers were fighting over stripping rights under the 40-foot right-of-way. The old railroad grade was the right-of-way we were talking about. It is now with a few rocks on it, a logging road, and the state is now buying a right-of-way down through the timber area at a tremendous cost. They have been fighting environmentalists over flying squirrels, and Snowshoe rabbits, for some 24 months. The Cass Scenic Railroad is an orphan railroad, since the flood of 1985, Cass has no connection with the outside railroad world. The railroad connection to the Western Maryland, B & O, C & O Railroad magnate is essential and the flooded railroad from Cass to Durbin needs to be rebuilt. The railroad buffs of W.Va. and this nation wants it rebuilt.

The long range planning for tourist attraction should include a 3½ mile railroad track extension from Old Spruce, down the Cheat Mountain Ridge to Snowshoe and Silver Creek Ski Lodges with night ski trains out of Elkins and Webster Springs, with sleeper cars, diners, and club cars. If you are going to take the tourist dollar, you must give him first class service.

The long range plan for W.Va. must include the rebirth of W.Va. and strengthen our state to tourist attraction. Automation has put the dinner bucket on the shelf in W.Va. to stay. We must establish the old original Jennings Randolph, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Civilian Conservation Commission and take the unemployed, pot-smokin', lay off to work. W.Va. has no where to go except tourist

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Senatus Helmick and Delegate Jane Price Sharp live among the National Forest, acres and acres of Mother Nature's Wonderland. Delegate Jane Sharp of Pocahontas had at least 8 or 10 CCC camps within her county. Her daddy, Calvin Price, knew many of them personally. He went to the Marlinton Depot, and met them personally when the raw recruits came to Marlinton and were assigned to the 8 to 10 CCC camps in Pocahontas County. The Pocahontas Times history will unfold a true life of the CCC recruits. Mrs. Jane Price Sharp, the new Delegate from Pocahontas County, knows more about the CCC than anyone in W.Va. Since I didn't get the appointment as state senator to replace Larry Tucker, my shining light to make the CCCs a reality is Jane Price Sharp. If W.Va. can spend millions on regional jails, pay judges and whiz kids \$70,000 yearly and give state judges and state department heads a \$50,000 yearly retirement, surely we can find a way to take the unemployed youths off the streets, pay them \$100 a month, teach them a profession, and make a man or woman out of an individual who has lost all pride and ambition to be a responsible citizen. Mrs. Jane Price Sharp is old enough and mature enough to understand our time in history and W.Va.'s problems.

The new W.Va. CCCs will relieve the prison pressure on regional jails and the population at Moundsville and Huttonsville, and could be financed by \$10.00 per case of the fine you pay today, into regional jails, or could be financed by 30 or 40 cents per ton on coal; a \$10 million dollar appropriation the first year would support a cadre of 10,000 recruits. We already have the housing and machinery and equipment. The equipment would come from the State Road Surplus Equipment sales in Buckhannon, and the idle National Guard equipment all over W.Va.

Holly River, Webster County, 200 CCC recruits, big acreage, living facilities, enough buildings to house 200 recruits, 26 miles from Buckhannon, an ideal place for a mechanic school, use all the State Road surplus equipment with a mechanic school re-building state road surplus equipment, and repairing Army-National Guard equipment. Work the recruits 4 hours a day cutting brush on secondary roads and go to mechanics school 4 hours a day. We could set up sawmills and cut down timber and mark overgrowth for selected cutting and use lumber for state buildings, state road bridges and saw out special orders for old historical bridges like Philippi and others; and teach recruits to be sawyers, bridge builders, head sawyers, and timber cutters, and how to get blisters on their hands, instead of their rear.

All of the state parks in W.Va. need rebuilding and all have temporary housing. If we are going to make W.Va. a tourist state we have to rebuild our state parks. About all were built by Works Progress Administration, CCCs, or National Youths Association. We need work done in Lost River, Hardy County, Hawks Nest, Fayette, Blackwater Falls, Tucker, Bluestone, Summers, Watoga, Tygart Lake, Chief Logan, Berkeley Springs, and Lord knows a CCC camp at Case, with remodeled Mower Lumber Co. houses to live in. There is plenty of work all over W.Va. that needs done including old cemeteries, historical sites, and emergencies in case of fire, floods, and storms, and doing worthwhile community services.

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The new Big Spring Festival offered by General Lee in his dream on Mingo Flats is no problem. You have the hotel, motel tax paid by Snowshoe and Silver Creek, and Fairs & Festivals will help you. And don't forget to call on Sheriff Given when Mr. Farley of Wood or Mr. Tomblin from Chapmanville in Logan County have the Fairs & Festivals appropriation bill up for consideration. I need the practice. I expect to be in the House of Delegates or State Senate when the 70th Legislature convenes.

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The highway or old CCC road across the short cut, across Cheat Mountain, must become reality. Although the appropriation has been made reality, is when they build the road and put down the black top. We need the road for people from Durbin, Arbovale and Virginia to get to work at Snowshoe, and Silver Creek, also it is a short cut from people coming off of 77 at Frametown in Braxton County, to ride the Cass Scenic Railroad.

The railroad from Old Spruce to New Spruce must be completed. It has been on the drawing board for 12-15 years. As a member of the House of Delegates some 15 years ago, I put a resolution through the legislature to build this 1 mile of railroad. Time ran out on the resolution while lawyers were fighting over stripping rights under the 40-foot right-of-way. The old railroad grade was the right-of-way we were talking about. It is now with a few rocks on it, a logging road, and the state is now buying a right-of-way down through the timber area at a tremendous cost. They have been fighting environmentalists over flying squirrels, and Snowshoe rabbits, for some 24 months. The Cass Scenic Railroad is an orphan railroad, since the flood of 1985, Cass has no connection with the outside railroad world. The railroad connection to the Western Maryland, B & O, C & O Railroad magnate is essential and the flooded railroad from Cass to Durbin needs to be rebuilt. The railroad buffs of W.Va. and this nation wants it rebuilt.

The long range planning for tourist attraction should include a 3½ mile railroad tract extension from Old Spruce, down the Cheat Mountain Ridge to Snowshoe and Silver Creek Ski Lodges with night ski trains out of Elkins and Webster Springs, with sleeper cars, diners, and club cars. If you are going to take the tourist dollar, you must give him first class service.

The long range plan for W.Va. must include the rebirth of W.Va. and streamline our state to tourist attraction. Automation has put the dinner bucket on the shelf in W.Va. to stay. We must establish the old original Jennings Randolph, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Civilian Conservation Commission and take the unemployed, pot-smokin' lazy citizens to work. W.Va. has no where to go except tourist

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The new W.Va. CCCs will relieve the prison pressure on regional jails and the population at Moundsville and Huttonsville, and could be financed by \$10.00 per case of the fine you pay today, into regional jails, or could be financed by 30 or 40 cents per ton on coal; a \$10 million dollar appropriation the first year would support a cadre of 10,000 recruits. We already have the housing and machinery and equipment. The equipment would come from the State Road Surplus Equipment sales in Buckhannon, and the idle National Guard equipment all over W.Va.

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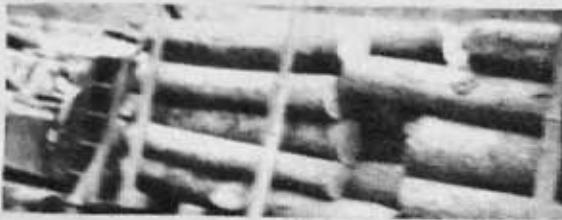
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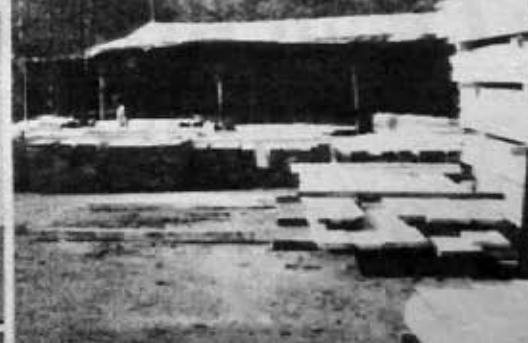
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I will tell you of three "mountaineers" of great re-nown and fame,
"RIMFIRE", "RATTLESNAKE" and "COLONEL" do you recognize these names?

Eli Hamrick, known as "Rimfire" got his name from off his gun
Seems it fired from off the rim, and not the center, like as some.
Once he went a turkey hunting and had just one bullet left,
When he spied a row of turkeys — there were thirteen on the rest.

Then he shot the limb and split it — turkeys toes all dropped down in,
Climb the tree and cut the limb off — took the turkeys home with him!
"Rattlesnake" or William Dodrill was a teacher in our schools.
Wrote for magazines and papers — truly was no-body's fool.

Loved to fish and loved to listen to the ripple of the streams,
Liked to watch the rabbit hopping — hear the ole Ka-ty-did sing.
Although he was fond of nature, as our history says he is,
There was one thing he detested, T'was the "diamond rattler" "WHIZ."

Isaac Gregory, known as "Colonel" was a noted hunter true
Came to Webster from Virginia, brought his wife from down there too
Colonel was a brave young soldier, fought the British at Norfolk,
In the mountains on Elk River, killed the last known buffalo.

Seems these mighty men of valor liked to hunt and liked to fish,
They taught school, made public speeches, had in common this one wish.
That the mountains they loved dearly, would be home to many folks.
Who like they, would like to fish and hunt the deer and buffalo.

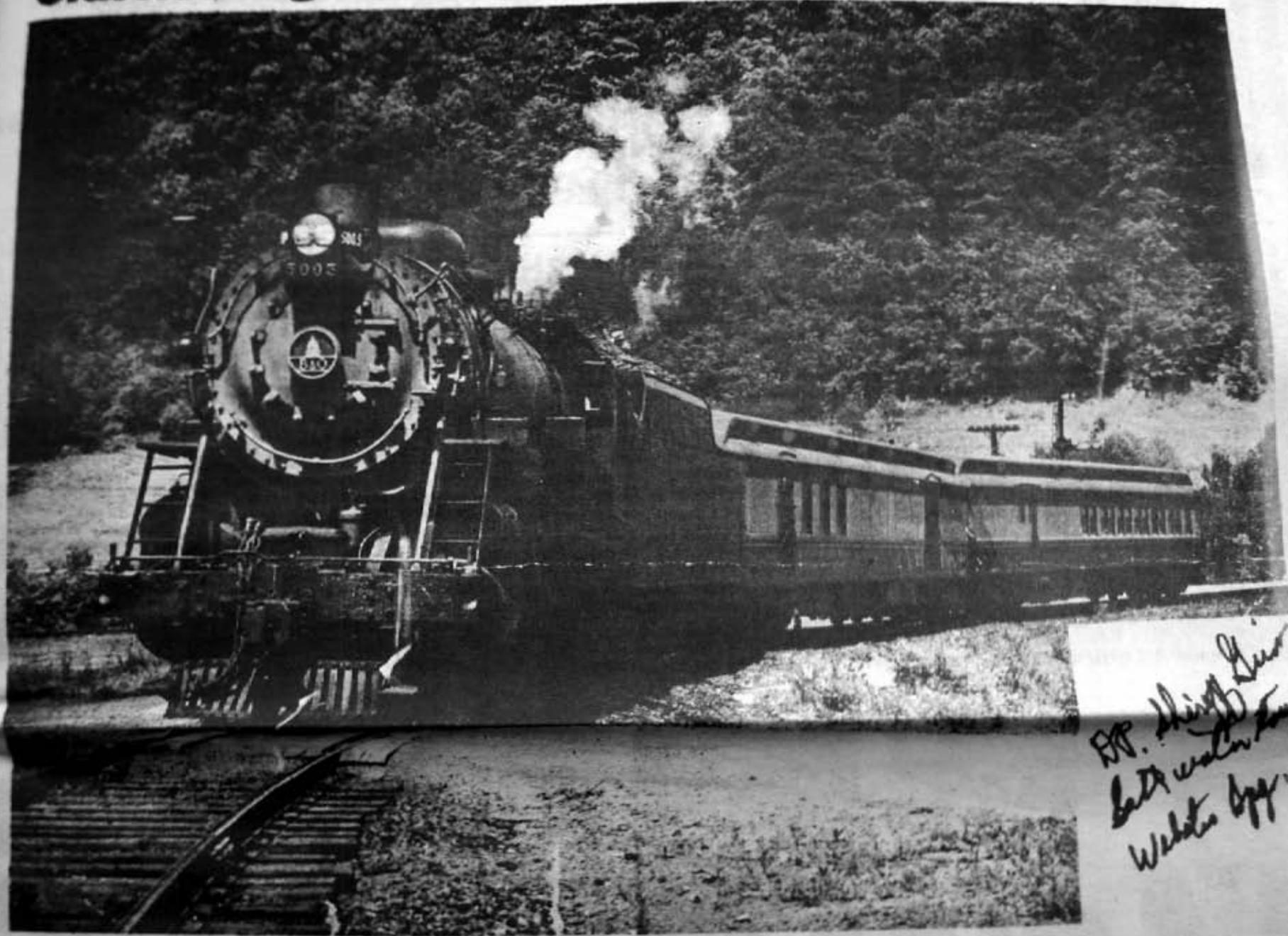
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If you do not like my story, and you think it is not true,
Take a trip back into history and just see what you can do!

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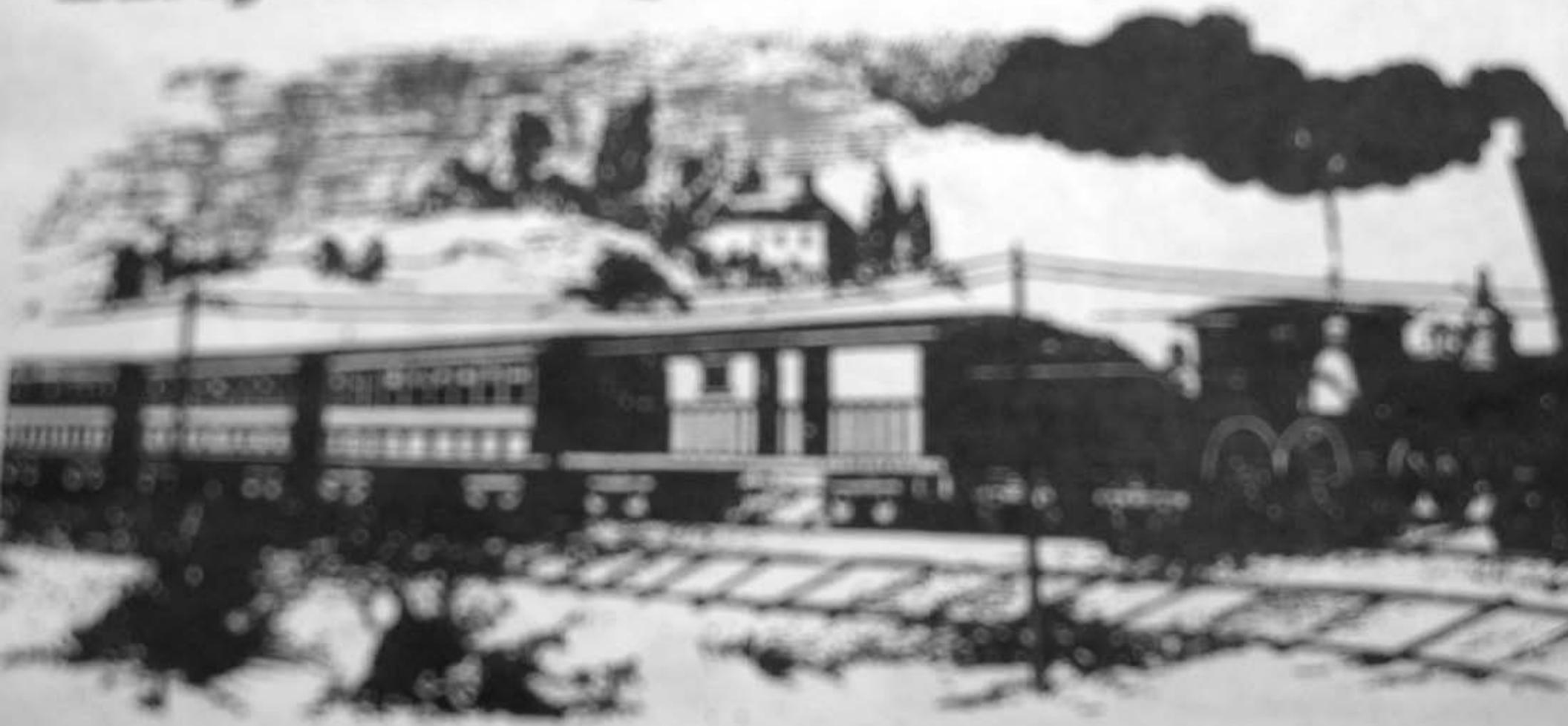
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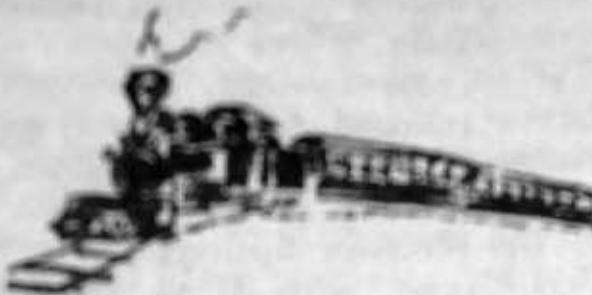
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Silver Creek

By Sheriff Given

The lodge is served by the Silver Creek access road, which leaves Snowshoe drive just before coming to Snowshoe Ski Resort. To look at Silver Creek Lodge is indeed a lasting memory and indeed a shock, a futuristic building resembling new technology, resembling space age, similar to moon gazing on a faraway planet. The nine story facility spreads ramp-like wings around a central atrium. Silver Creek is a village under one roof. Lodging ranges from apartments to one, two and three bedroom condominiums.

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80 Miles From Exit 69 & 179 Flatwoods To Snowshoe & Silver Creek

By Sheriff Given

Coming North on 179, from Virginia, North & South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, & Georgia; coming South from Clarksburg & Parkersburg, Ohio, or Michigan, watch for Exit 67. You stop at John Skidmore's truck stop, pick up a Sheriff Given ski paper on Snowshoe and Silver Creek, follow the directions reading the paper about Big Spring, Snowshoe and Silver Creek, and in one hour and 40 minutes you are in a condominium or motel room at Snowshoe or Silver Creek, the island in the sky. Snowshoe and Silver Creek are the southeast's most attractive ski resort combination in the U.S.

This 80 miles of mountain highway has beautiful scenic views, historical churches, and excellent W.Va. people willing to listen to your story, to tell you theirs. You will find very few, if any, Daisy Mays, and Lil' Abners don't exist. W.Va. people are excellent friendly people. Flatwoods has a fast growing shopping center with Bill Square's bowling alley and convention center, Lloyd's Restaurant and Food Store, a car wash, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, excellent using the upper echelons of Pennzoil filling station, Ryder's Sutton Dam. You are now app-

roaching Holly Junction, headwaters of the Cleve Bailey Sutton Dam, where both forks of Holly come together. Sixty years ago, a truck rental, a drive-thru beverage store, plenty of motel rooms W.Va. Midland narrow gauge especially the Laurel Court chalets, the camper motel on the Webster Springs made connections with B & O passenger and down town Sutton restaurants, Home Hotel and business burg-

district; Sutton's beautiful Baptist Church and on down for your entertainment is the Sutton Mills, Holly Hole campsite, Moose Club. Also Pete's bait Thompson, a coal stripper and ranch and pool room, home of builder of Harrison County's Braxton County's timbering in-super Bridgeport Mall, is a industry, and you don't overlook former Cowen Bulldog football Gary Cogar's Supper Club with player and Simon Hill native who live band on Friday and Saturday hitchhiked, walked, rode bicycle nights, and a real down to earth and thumbed 5 miles daily after country auction every Saturday football practice. When you stop at Bruffy's Store for gas and oil,

Stay on Route 15, 26 miles to you turn the corner and you are on State Route 15 & 20, and the road to Snowshoe or Silver Webster Springs. You pass Holly Webster Springs-Buckhannon Creek, the island in the sky. Gray Park, Braxton County's 4-H turnpike, and Cool's country Club grounds, the airport, and store and the Diana Post Office, home of Sutton Lions Club and opposite Basil Cutlip's home-Braxton County's yearly home-town city park. You are now 26 coming. Next you pass the miles on your way to Snowshoe

United Methodist Church, a and Silver Creek, and 9 miles out beautiful well kept cemetery and of Webster Springs, often called an oak grove, a great setting for a puzzle hole because of Webster country church. Up state Route Springs's three big mountains: Miller, McGuire and Point Mt. You have to go down hill to get into Webster Springs and up hill to get out. You are now only 45 miles from the top of Cheat Mt. and Snowshoe and Silver Creek. In normal weather, it takes 1 hour, in winter weather it could

take 2 hours. Webster County, Webster Springs is the county seat, 559 square miles, population about 10,000, city population 939; Mayor Cassandra Given; a small town with down to earth people. As you enter the city and cross the Back Fork of Elk bridge, on the left is Pat Skidmore's service station. Across the street, the W.Va. Liquor Store and Chevrolet Garage. At the stop light is Myrl's Restaurant. Turn right on Route 20, South is Hamrick's Restaurant and Service Station. You turn around, come back to the stop light, take State Route 15 and you are on your way to Valley Head. You pass the old Webster Springs Hotel, now open with restaurant, under new management. Pass the Webster County

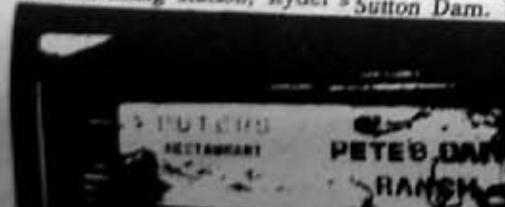
National Bank. Turn right at the 1,046.34, Elkins, home of Guy Sears Roebuck Store, and you see an excellent motel with courteous service, well furnished rooms with reasonable prices, the Mineral Springs Motel. On the left is City Hall, a wealth of information including a full list of high school graduate pictures of all classes of Webster Springs

High School before consolidation. You pass Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, circle the city block, continue back to Sears Roebuck and stop, enter the Courthouse lawn, help yourself to natural Salt Sulphur water, which some people says tastes like rotten eggs. You continue on passing the Go Mart, Charley

Randolph County, W.Va., population 28,734; square miles 1,046.34, Elkins, home of Guy Kemp, W.Va.'s outstanding governor in 1935; and Wally Barron, 1960. Elkins has gained national recognition for its yearly State Forest Festival. You come to Valley Head, turn South on 219 and 55, the Scenic Highway. You cross the famous Cheat Mt., 11 miles to a sign pointing to Snowshoe. You stop at Big Spring Restaurant and Store. You are now at the Gateway to Snowshoe, Silver Creek, and the Cass Scenic Railroad. You pass the elaborate Snowshoe Inn, turn left and at the foot of Cheat Mt., and 10 minutes from the ski slopes of Snowshoe and Silver Creek.

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Virginia. * excellent hunters from ROBINSON TOWNE IN WYOMING select 25 excellent hunters from ROBINSON TOWNE IN WYOMING to go to General Lee suggests you contact Pocahontas County with mountain Warren McGraw, former president of the W. Va. State Senate or rifles, black powder and muskets dent of the W. Va. State Senate or for re-loading and kill one wild Art Blankenship, long-time clerk for the W. Va. Legislature, and we boar hog each, to be used at the Big Spring Pancake-Bacon Festi-

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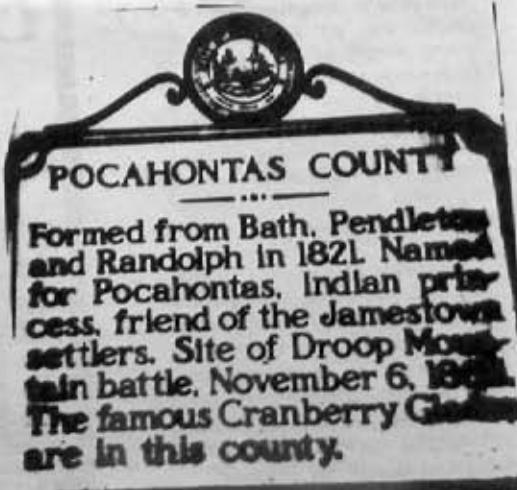
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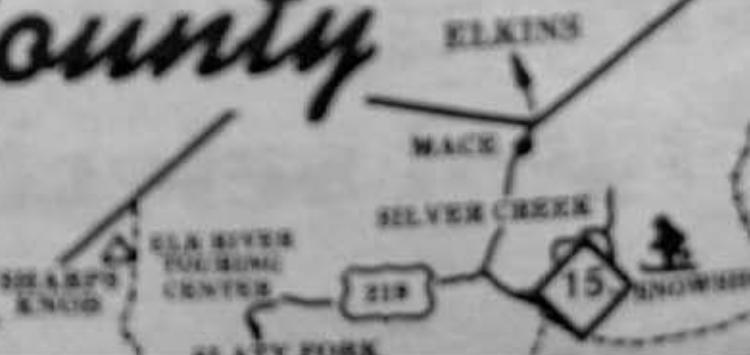


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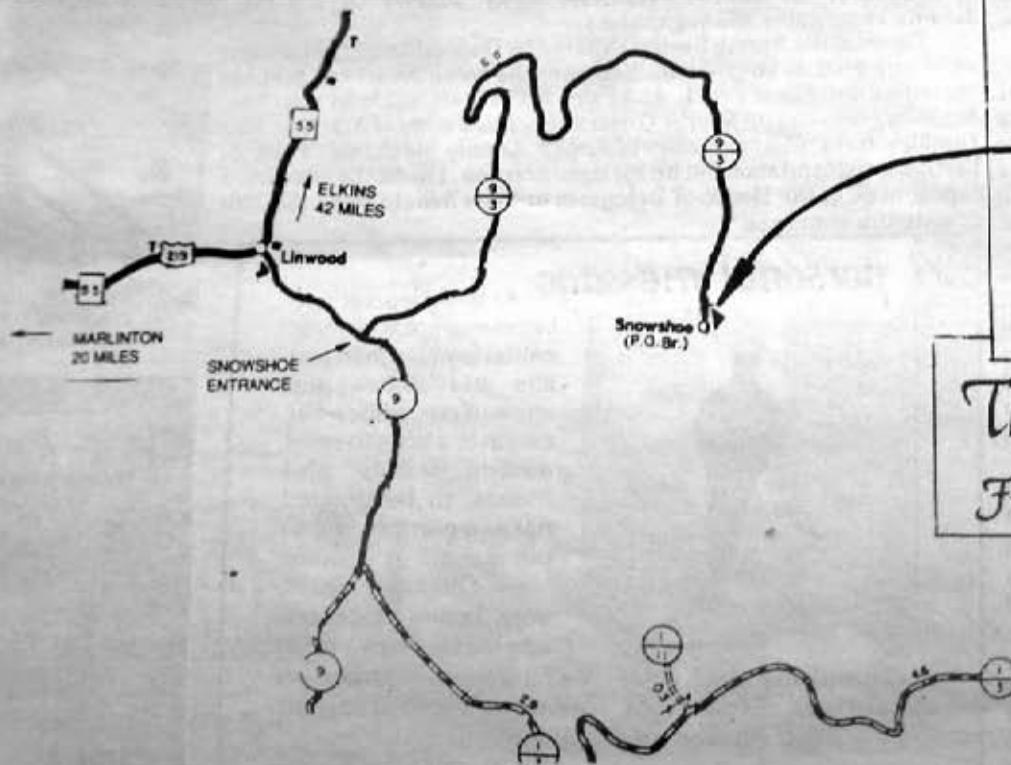
Formed from Bath, Pendleton and Randolph in 1821. Named for Pocahontas, Indian princess, friend of the Jamestown settlers. Site of Droop Mountain battle, November 6, 1863. The famous Cranberry Glades are in this county.

constructed in the mid 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps to connect the Eastern and Western flanks of 5,000 foot Cheat Mountain.

The rugged terrain offered formidable challenge as a crew of over 40 men and women labored eight months, blasting bed rock and felling tall timber to carve this 7 mile wilderness route.

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A personal message



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— DR. TOM BRIGHAM

Asking Politicians To Consider Youth And C.C.C.'s

My political career has been filled with dangles, blunders, and boo-boos. Sometimes we learn from the non-elected, as well as the elected. Dick Benson, the popular air pilot and two-time State Senator has had a stroke and is real sick at the present time. We here in Central West Virginia wish him a speedy recovery. He is the same man that defeated me after the election was over in 1972. In a six-county recount and in Randolph County (Elkins), we opened the Hyde Park voting precinct with 3 cans of ballots and 780 voters, no ballots, no excuses, except Richard Neely and Larrie Bailey had stolen the ballots during noon recess and the County Commissioners, who serve as election commissioners, moved that they accept the count as established by the election officials on the precinct level and Dick Benson was declared a winner in late August by three votes and a Circuit Court Judge decision. Mr. Benson was the authorized State Senator who voted and used my State Senate seat for 4 years.

I was elected to the 1st Silver-Haired Legislature and served as their speaker of the House of Delegates. At the next election I was elected to the Silver-Haired Senate and was elected as President, but was declared ineligible because I would not sign an affidavit that I

would not run for public office. In 1958, under President Eisenhower, W. Va. economy was flat unemployment in southern W. Va. was at an all-time high. Unemployment funds were gone, relief and food orders were almost impossible. Red Cross, churches, and charity organizations were broke. The southern counties of McDowell, Mingo, Logan and Mercer were at a standstill.

As an elected member of the W. Va. Legislature, we organized a committee for distressed areas of W. Va. I was appointed chairman of the 25-member committee. I see poverty at the worst with ugly conditions, outside toilets with their sticky smells, a clinging odor long after you left the scene, shoestrings dangling from oversized hard-toe' mining boots, caps and socks pulled down over thick, dark, dirty hair, oversized miner's pants hanging low on the hips, rag tag coats, over faded checkerboard John Ritchie shirts, etc. Out of this 10-day, 25-member committee investigation came the State Temporary economic program (STEP) \$1.00 an hour state park work's program, the welfare seed and garden program, and the first \$30,000 for food stamps in McDowell County alone, later Mingo, Logan, Clay and Webster and then statewide and now nationwide.

Last year 1985, I had TV in Charleston, five nights weekly that covered Kanawha, Putnam, parts of Clay, Fayette and Boone. I have a TV library, VHS and Beta, thirty-six 30-minute TV shows with various legislators, State Senators and Board of Public Works all on file at my home at 216 River Drive, Webster Springs, W. Va. They have run as re-runs in Webster Springs, Buckhannon, and are now running in Morgantown and will run in Elkins immediately after Christmas. I hope the TV cable subscribers of Webster TV Cable Service demand they run the TV Sheriff Given show in Webster Springs, during the January-February legislative session, 1986.

Perhaps the greatest! Joe politically is simple discouragement. I have been in the political barnyard of discarded Democratic politicians for years. The W. Va. family politician says we don't vote for Sheriff Given. He can't win, he won't pay on the precinct level. He's a loser, he doesn't agree. We don't need him on the team. Election after election the people help me knock on doors — the team gets out their cash political funds, and pay on the precinct level — and if necessary re-finance election day about noon, and start giving and buying. I always make them spend, hustle, pull their hair, fight among themselves and promise one another and Ward healers political dreams of elephant size.

Jobs are the main issue in W. Va. and the nation. Serious questions should be raised by the W.

Va. legislature and our Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. about any government or any economic system that can't provide jobs to all who need them and are able to work. It is crystal clear with unemployment at about 15% in W. Va. and 44% for colored youth and 25% for white youths. This state and national economic system is not able to provide such jobs. The Reagan administration is running wild with space age, star wars, military and defense contracts, so many and so big that controls have been lax while taxpayers are buying ash trays for \$100 each and bolts, nuts, washers, and screwdrivers for \$40 each. Congress has been brainwashed into approving safety for this nation to the tune of a 2 trillion debt at 8% interest while at the same time reducing the standard of living of the middle and working class by tightening of black lung, food stamps, social security, veteran's benefits, labor contracts, etc. Congress helps themselves and trying hard to make second class citizens out of our citizens. They have said amen to Regan's star wars, congressional benefits, junkets and continue to vote for 2 trillion dollar deficits that our children and grandchildren can never pay.

The great 100-year flood of November 4 and 5, is history, and people, towns and government agencies are at the mercy of politicians, both state and national. Think of all the laid-off coal miners. If the government and politicians are human and logical, it would appropriate

money and put all these unemployed people to work, rebuilding the flood towns of W. Va. However, it is not clear that the federal government is not going to furnish the appropriate help, much less provide jobs on the mass scale as the WPA, CCC's and NYA in the 30's. This is what we need and should have.

This year, 1985, has seen Sheriff Given attending CCC reunions, talking, writing, begging for the CCC's and unemployed youths. It has been a new style of writing, like steak sauce poured over my fountain pen; like ketchup, mustard or lettuce on the burger. It isn't so, writing style is a dish by itself. (Jim Comstock — W. Va. Hillbilly).

A good cook knows how to combine cooking elements in the right amount at the right time with the right temperature, so this writer and citizen has strived to match words and sentences to put the politician in the mood to consider my theme of CCC's, floods, and W. Va. unemployment.



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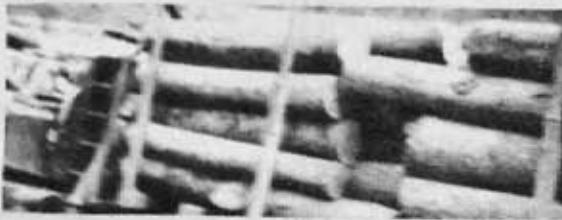
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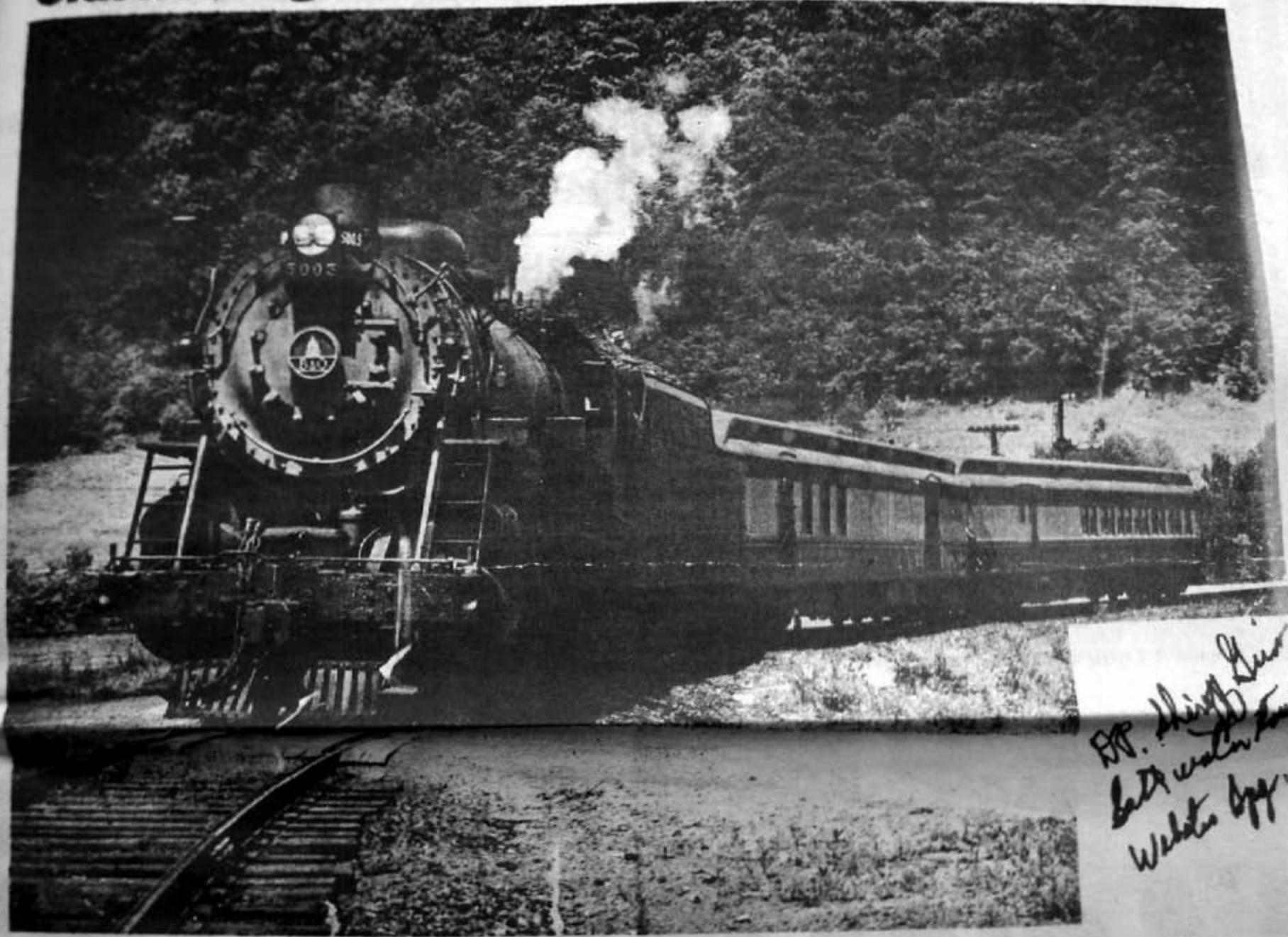
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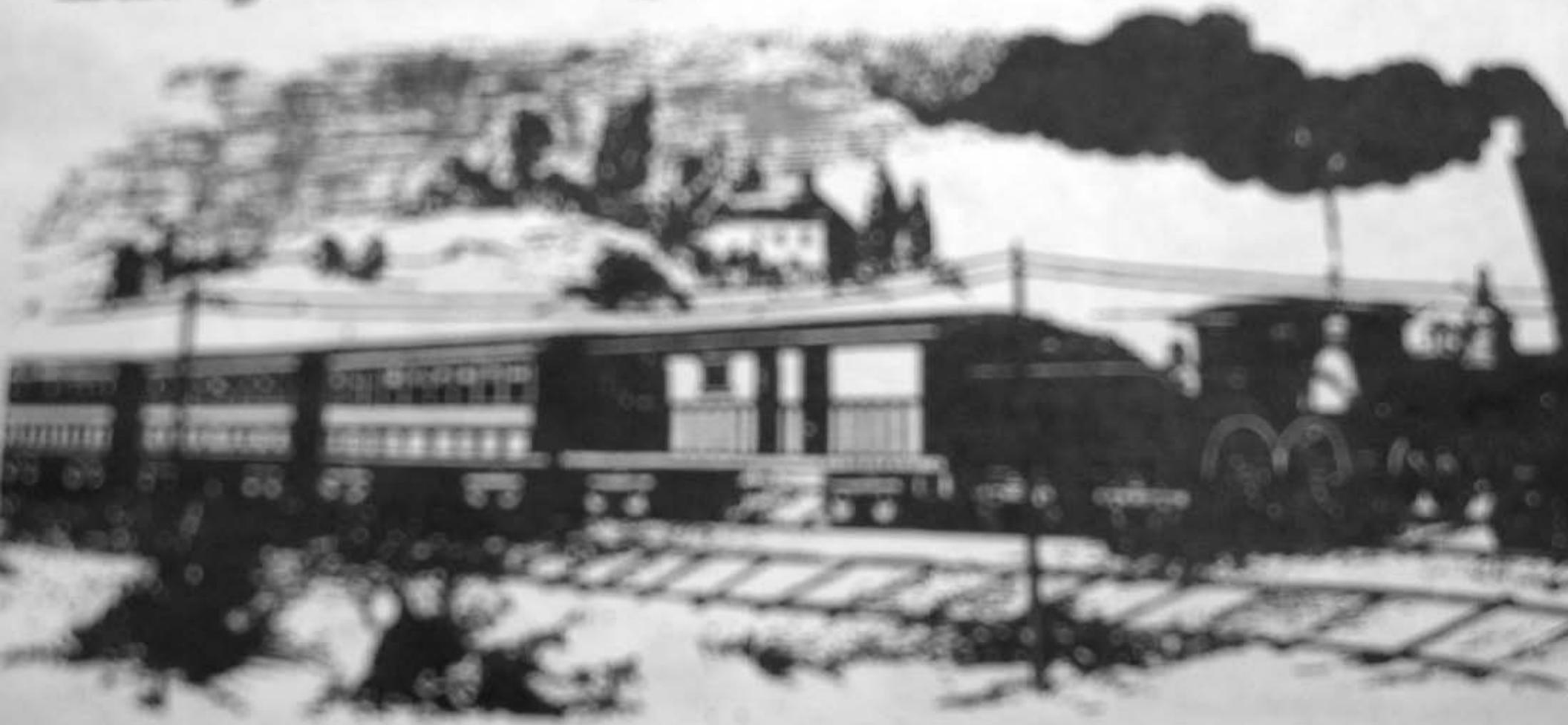
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Sheriff Given Candidate For The Democrat National Convention

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Use National Guard Equipment And
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Long time politician Sheriff Given of Webster Springs asks for Pilot Work Program for W. Va.

Let's Take A Look At The Democratic Hopefuls For Governor Of W. Va. June Primary 1984



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**Here Is The Possible
Republican Candidates
For Governor
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William Gilligan



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A Plan For West Virginia

Let's Look At A Pilot Works Program

By D.P. "Sheriff" Given

I have been running for public office ever since World War II, having been defeated by small majorities in the last five elections for

State Senate and Congress. I must by all means make some suggestions to the State and Nation's problems. This series of radio broadcasts and newspaper columns

will consist of ways and means to an economic recovery for both the State and Nation. Politically wise I have never been accepted by the Democrat party, its Gov-

ernor, Board of Public Works, and self deemed leaders, including County Chairman and executive committees and politicians who have been slopped at the hog trough

with political favors and jobs.

The people who vote for me are good citizens, who belong to the Democrat party, because it is the party for the poor,

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1808-1865
(Rep.) N.C.
Born 1808, died 1875



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THEODORE ROOSEVELT
1858-1919
(Rep.) N.Y.
Born 1858, died 1919



175
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1890-1969
(Rep.) Tex.
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And Away We Go



Democratic National Conference, Kansas City, Missouri



by Sheriff Given

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D.P. "SHERIFF" GIVEN with daughter, Jenny Lynn. Sheriff Given, workingman of West Virginia, presents the Kansas City, Missouri, Democratic Charter Conference, December 6-8 1974.

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Democratic Conference

By Sheriff Given

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strive to do my best for the people who voted for me and gave the authority to vote for them in Kansas City Dec. 6, 7, and 8, 1974, and be a part of the history making process of the Democratic party in Kansas City.

I bid goodbye to my wife and 18 month old daughter and friends of this small town (Webster Springs) and Webster county (10,000 population) and State of West Virginia (1.7 million people) so small in population

and small in political clout. I have a voice in Graw of Wyoming county, W.Va. are the only two delegates from W.Va. who speak out or attack any of the problems facing the nation with the exception of our fine Senator Robert Byrd. So follow this little souvenir paper closely and you will find our comments

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I am a very fortunate individual to be selected by the people of 27 counties of W.Va. I am indeed grateful and shall

strive to do my best for the people who voted for me and gave the authority to vote for them in Kansas City Dec. 6, 7, and 8, 1974, and be a part of the history making process of the Democratic party in Kansas City as they attack the nation's problems of inflation, unemployment, 10% interest rates and a nagging economy and at a time in history when the voting public has lost confidence and contact with the Congress and leadership of the nation.

I bid goodbye to my wife and 15 month old daughter and friends of this small town (Webster Springs) and Webster county (10,000 population) and State of West Virginia (1.7 million people) so small in population that you are really a voice in the wilderness in comparison to California, Ohio, Florida and many other states. W.Va. with 15 elected delegates, California with 181, New York with 163 and Ohio with 89.

I and State Senator Warren Mc-

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I park my little Valiant car with new snow tires and a real car for snow and ice, at Beckley, W.Va., airport and shake

hands with delegates McGraw (Wyoming), Wooten (Raleigh) and Royhall (Raleigh). I take a good look at Royhall's and Wooten's small children. We board the plane a Y.S. 11-58 passenger for Cincinnati, Ohio, a flight of one hour and six minutes.

I had the pleasure of sitting beside a gentleman from Mt. Airy, N. C. in his mid fifties who entertained me between drinks about the tobacco business. Incidentally it was his first pla-

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CONVENTION HALL, Kansas City, Missouri—American Legion, V.F.W. and Moose Conventions are held here as well as professional hockey and basketball as well as other world events. The annual N.A.A. basketball tournament is held here with such

state college teams as Morris Harvey, Glenville, Fairmont, West Liberty and W.Va. Wesleyan colleges having participated there over the years. Sky scrapers of Kansas City are noticeable in background.

And Away We Go

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, NEW YORK, N. Y.

by Sheriff Given

A REVIEW of the DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION held in New York City's Madison Square Garden July 12 to 15, 1976 — A direct analysis and responsive answer to the people of the SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA — An ELECTED DELEGATE who answers to the people — A souvenir of lasting value and a part of the history of the DEMOCRATIC PARTY, July 12 to 15, 1976.

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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Democratic Convention

By "SHERIFF" GIVEN

I PACK THE old suit cases for New York City, a city I haven't visited since January of 1942 and World War II days. We bid dinner dance days or three tickets for a quarter and a good fish sandwich for fifteen cents and twenty-five dollars per month for thirty days service in Uncle Sam's Army. We pull out of Webster Springs — my wife, Cassandra, daughter, Jenny Lynn, and next door neighbor, Rusty Hamrick, and head for Sutton and I-77. We switch in Morgantown to 48 and 48 to Cumberland, Maryland, take 230 east to Butler, Pennsylvania and interstate 79 to Philadelphia and change to 295 crossing the Delaware River to the New Jersey Turnpike spanning the Hudson River. We pass the House of Liberty, the Holland Tunnel and onto Broadway and 54th and 7th Avenue and the Americana Hotel. \$25.00 per day for our room and \$4.00 per day for parking the car. The buildings are so tall that the sun doesn't get down in the streets until noon and the breeze is always strong, so though you were standing in front of a miles far running fall maple leaf, it took us 11/2 hours



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2000 DAY CONVENTION five presidential hopefuls who got the attention of the nation: Jimmy Carter, the favorite, said they were happy the campaign was over. The others, Walter Mondale, said he was delighted to end the "mess."

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By "SHERIFF" GIVEN

I PACK THE old suit cases for New York City, a city I haven't visited since January of 1942 and World War II days. The old timer's bonus days or three tickets for a quarter and a good fish sandwich for fifteen cents and twenty-one dollars per month for thirty days service to Uncle Sam's Army. We pull out of Webster Springs -- my wife, Cassandra, daughter, Jenny Lynn, and next door neighbor, Bonnie Wauhrik, and head for Sutton and I-77. We switch in Morgantown to 68 and 68 to Cumberland, Maryland, take 728 east to Budd Lake, Pennsylvania and Interstate 76 to Philadelphia and change to 276 crossing the Delaware River to the New Jersey Turnpike adjoining the Hudson River. We pass the Statue of Liberty, to Holland Tunnel and onto Broadway and 54th and 7th Avenue and the Americana Hotel. \$55.00 per day for our room and \$8.00 per day for parking the car. The buildings are so tall that the sun doesn't get down in the streets until noon and the breeze is always strong, as though you were standing in front of a mine fan running full capacity. It took us 11 1/2 hours



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By Sheriff Given

Another milestone in the history of the life of Sheriff Given has come and gone. This is paper #26 over a period of 30 years. This little paper of distinctions honoring Pocahontas County — tourism, Snowshoe, Silver Creek and Cheat Mountain, proposing a yearly Big Spring Festival on Armistice Day featuring Ma-

ple Syrup, from Monterey, Virginia, Buckwheat Flour from Preston County, and wild boar hogs from Wyoming, Mingo and McDowell Counties, W.Va. Featuring a yearly Ski Queer, handi-cap skiing and the opening of ski season for Snowshoe, Silver Creek and Cheat Mountain.

The things I have written and mentioned will not be approved by all of you. If they bring some pleasure or in-

terest, I feel the effort well done. For approval or disapproval, my address is: Sheriff Given, River Drive, Webster Springs, WV 26288, my telephone number is 847-5841. A \$20.00 donation will bring you a dozen papers by return mail.

I think a word of cheer that makes people forget even for a few minutes, some sorrow or something that might make life drab, is very

important. With this, I hope a ray of sunshine of life is adopted; a handshake or a smile that could change the whole chain for some individual, who feels he or she is not wanted.

What's said is said, and what's done is done; the closing of another historical newspaper #23 by Sheriff Given has come and gone.



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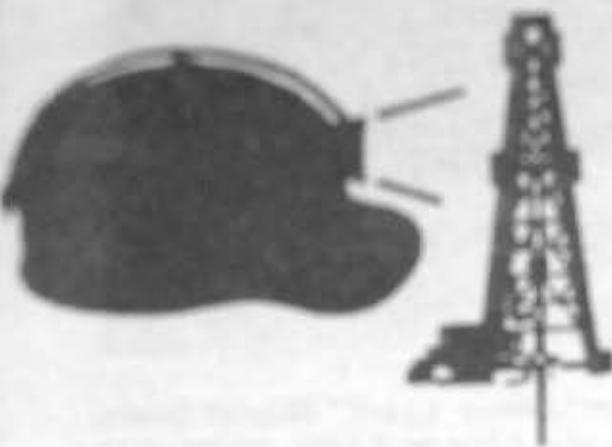
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